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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

WILLIAM A MCMILLAN ET AL.

Application No.: 10/027,404

Filed: December 19, 2001

For: **APPARATUS FOR ANALYSIS OF
A NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION
REACTION**

Examiner: CHAKRABARTI, ARUN K

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action (restriction requirement) mailed March 25, 2003, Applicants elect Group 1 (claims 1-6) to be examined on the merits, drawn to an apparatus for determining a threshold cycle number, classified in class 204, subclass 193.

Further, please amend the above-identified application to add new claims 50-62 which are also drawn to an apparatus for determining a threshold cycle number.

The listing of claims begins on page 2 of this paper.